

Although free speech is a cornerstone of our society, some corporations use that as a shield to protect themselves while blatantly pandering to their own best interests.

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. When large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules.

I can see no "innocent" reason that a broadcasting company would so clearly choose to display an obvious slant to the American people, and no other slant, unless they have a stake in what the public comes away thinking.

Thank You.